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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: SOVIET REQUEST FOR FACILITIES AT ALGECIRAS

REF: A) MADRID 9367; B)MADRID 9370; C) MADRID 9479

1. DURING A BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA DECEMBER 5, I INQUIRED AS TO THE STATUS OF THE SOVIET REQUEST TO BUILD FACILITIES FOR THEIR MERCHANT MARINE SHIPS AT ALGECIRAS. I TOLD HIM THAT THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR HAD RECENTLY TOLD ME THAT THE GOS HAD REJECTED THE SOVIET REQUEST.

2. OREJA STATED THAT THE GOS HAD NOT IN FACT REJECTED THE SOVIET REQUEST. HE HAD DISCUSSED THE QUESTION WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AND HAD TOLD HIM THE REQUEST POSED DIFFICULTIES FOR THE GOS, THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED CAREFULLY AND THAT NO REPLY COULD BE GIVEN FOR SOME TIME. OREJA SAID HIS STATEMENTS TO THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR WERE INTENDED TO PUT THE SOVIET REQUEST IN SUSPENSE FOR THE TIME BEING, BUT HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT A FINAL DECISION WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE AT SOME POINT.

3. I TOLD OREJA THAT MY QUESTION HAD BEEN PROMPTED BY
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SECURITY CONCERNS OVER SUCH FACILITIES BEING GRANTED TO THE SOVIETS. OREJA AGREED THAT THE REQUEST DID POSE SECURITY PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT GIVE ME ANY INDICATION AS TO WHAT THE FINAL GOS POSITION ON THIS QUESTION MIGHT BE.

4. I SHALL CONTINUE TO MONITOR THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND,

AS APPROPRIATE, EXPRESS OUR CONCERNS. STABLER

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